

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

DRAFT DANGEROUS WASTE PERMIT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

PIONEER AMERICAS LLC and OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites the public to read and comment on a proposed dangerous waste permit. The proposed permit will implement corrective action or cleanup at the presently inactive Pioneer Americas facility, located at 605 Alexander Avenue in Tacoma, Washington.

The site includes the Pioneer Americas facility, which used to be owned and operated by the Occidental Chemical Corporation (OCC). Contaminated groundwater from the Pioneer facility migrated to the Hylebos Waterway, contaminating both water and sediments. Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will, together, oversee studies to address remaining groundwater, soils and sediment contamination at the site as well as the evaluation, selection and design of cleanup measures.

Ecology seeks the public's comments on the proposed permit between ***March 14 and April 28***. After reviewing public comment, Ecology will make a final decision on the draft permit which incorporates these documents.

To get a copy of the draft permit, the public notice, and fact sheet for the draft permit, contact Leon Wilhelm at 360-407-6362 (voice) or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service), by email at leow461@ecy.wa.gov or at the address below, or visit Ecology's Public Events Calendar on our web site: www.ecy.wa.gov.

To be considered, comments must be postmarked or received, by either email or hand delivery, by ***April 28, 2005***.

To submit comments, send a letter or email to: Leon Wilhelm, Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, P.O. Box 47775, Olympia, WA 98504-7775. If comments are emailed, please provide a name and US mail address. Mr. Wilhelm may also be contacted at (360) 407-6362.

Or, hand deliver to Leon Wilhelm at the Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503.

The draft permit can be viewed Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm at: Citizens for a Healthy Bay, 917 Pacific Avenue, Suite 100, Tacoma, Washington 98402, Tel: (253) 383-2429. Please ask for Leslie Ann Rose.

You may also view the documents at the Department of Ecology between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at: Department of Ecology's Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503, Tel: (360) 407-6362.

If ten (10) or more people request a hearing, Ecology will conduct a public hearing. *To request a hearing*, or to request special accommodation for the hearing if it is held, contact Leon Wilhelm by

phone, letter, or email by ***April 6, 2005***. If there is no significant interest in a hearing, a hearing will not be held. To find out if a public hearing will be held, contact Leon Wilhelm after ***April 11, 2005***. If you have special accommodation needs for the hearing, contact Mr. Wilhelm.

Ecology will consider and respond to all written comments and any comments or public testimony received during a public hearing, if held. After considering the comments Ecology will make a final decision or a new tentative decision on the proposed corrective action permit.

Ecology is an Equal Opportunity Agency. If you need this information in alternative format, or you have special accommodation needs for the hearing, contact Leon Wilhelm or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service).